

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH at MILLBECK ON Tuesday 27
September 2011 at 9.30 am**

The meeting arranged for 20 September had to be cancelled as it would have been inquorate.

Mrs K Hind who had been co-opted to the Parish Council at the Meeting on 16 September 2011 signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office and her Declaration of Financial Interests immediately before the start of this meeting.

PRESENT : Mr J Wilson (in the Chair) Mrs B Bulman Mr T Gibbs & Mrs K Hind
In attendance : Clerk. Ms M Climie (Broadband champion) and Mr N Moor

2011.64 **Apologies for absence** Mrs J Boniface Mr J Wood

2011.65 **Minutes** The Chairman was authorised to sign the Minutes of the last meeting held on 16 September 2011.

2011.66 **Welcome** The Chairman welcomed Mrs K Hind who had agreed to be co-opted to the Council and whom the Council had co-opted at the last meeting (**2011.61**)

2011.67 **Declarations of Interest**
Members were asked to declare any interest in any Agenda items and none was disclosed.

2011.68 **Public Participation**
Mr N Moor and Ms M Climie had been invited to attend the meeting to contribute to Item 15 on the Agenda : Communications within Parish – Broadband and Housing Needs Survey. **2011.78**

2011.69 **Finances**
(i) **Bank Balances** were reported as £4192 in the Current Account and £1,316.14 in the Deposit account
(ii) **Receipt noted** of second instalment of Precept £1475
(iii) **Audit Report** It was noted that the External auditor had approved the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011. Notice would be put on Parish Noticeboard.
(iv) **Letters of thanks** for donations noted
(v) **Cheques authorised** : Hire of Hall £65; CPRE subscription £25; A Wilson three bills for grass cutting £108.50; Audit Fee BDO £60; Donation to church for use for meeting agreed to be £7.50, in line with Village Hall Fee.
(vi) **Half Year statement** received by Council.

2011.70 **Lake District National Park Authority**
Applications Merlestead 7/2011/2221 Single storey extension and detached garage. In view of existing permission no objection to be made, but indication to be made that first floor extensions on new footprint would be unacceptable to Council.
Field adjacent to Sewage Works 2011/2156 To retain permanently for agricultural purposes part of temporary road created to give access for works at sewage plant. To be supported.
Decisions Sewage Works Outfall 2011/2057 Approved
Withdrawal Merlestead 2011/2047 Extensions & alterations including first floor.
Meeting with Planning Officials
Site Allocations A new list of sites allocated for affordable housing had been drawn

up. The wrong document had been received so it was not possible to identify these. Further information would be circulated as soon as possible. A consultation about these had started on 26 September 2011.

2011.71

Allerdale Borough Council

The council had been asked if the site of the polling station was still convenient, and it was agreed to confirm that it was.

A resident had asked for a dog litter box to be put at the point where the footpath to Skiddaw leaves the road near Foxbiels in Millbeck and it was agreed this should be requested.

2011.72

Cumbria County Council

Brundholme Road Formal consultation received about proposal to prohibit all vehicles. Agreed to support closing of road to vehicles on a temporary basis for reasons of safety concerns, but to keep situation under review in case financial situation improves. It should be pointed out again that no technical evidence has been produced to Parish council to show extent of problem or costs of remedy. It should be urged that the alternative road via Wescoe should be improved so that full access is possible for Lonscales Farm.

Changes to scheme for Registration of Births and Deaths to be noted.

Contact details for Highways Stewards have been released again and at CALC meeting Leader of CCC advised parishes to contact them direct rather than through Hotline. The drain above Village Hall to be mentioned (again). Councilors to let Clerk know of any other problems.

Contact Keswick TC re dangers in road at the Pheasant.

2011.73

Cumbria Association of Local Councils

Details of courses circulated, and Clerks Direct.

Meeting of Parish Councils in Allerdale. Clerk had attended and would circulate report.

2011.74

Correspondence from Statutory Bodies

Information from Derwent & Solway HA about tenancies available in Derwent Close Keswick – to put on Noticeboard.

Police advertising need for Independent Custody Visitors : to visit those in custody to ensure proper treatment.

Septic Tanks Some parishioners were involved in registering and would have information to update them.

2011.75

Derwent 7

A report on the AGM and the Minutes (when available) would be circulated.

2011.76

Correspondence from non-statutory Bodies

Countryside Voice and Fieldwork to be circulated and an invitation to join Britain in Bloom.

2011.77

Japanese Knotweed There were some infestations of this dangerous weed in the Parish. The National Trust had sprayed plants at the Village Hall but this appeared not to have been successful. Trust advises it will spray again in Spring. A letter had been written to Mr Lowther about a quantity of the weed in Ben y Craig but no

response had been received. Clerk would circulate advice to landowners.

2011.78 **Communication with the parish**

Neighbourhood Watch There were 23 people on a list to receive notification of alerts by email. Ideally more people could be reached this way and efforts would continue to reach them. The list was confidential to the Clerk, and all mail was sent out on a blind copy so the recipients only saw their own address.

Broadband Ms Climie, the Parish Broadband champion attended to discuss how best the parish could participate in and profit from proposed improvement in the Broadband service in Cumbria. It was agreed a circular would go round, along with housing needs survey, and responses to questions in it would be invited to go direct to Ms Climie and by email.

Housing Needs Survey

Mr Moor attended to give an account of his discussions with the National Park and outline future action. He pointed out that planning permissions might be granted (if satisfactory) for only two types of housing development in the National Park : one to satisfy a proved need for affordable homes for local people, and the other for housing which was not necessarily affordable but which would satisfy a proved local need. He was anxious to establish what was the need for these types of housing in Underskiddaw, and also to find out whether any land was available for such development. The Parish council wished to be proactive in helping to satisfy genuine local need, and agreed that a survey should be sent out to try to establish the housing need. Mr Moor had drafted a survey, and this was agreed with amendments, and it was approved that Mr Moor should distribute it, and report back the results.

2011.79 **Reports from Members** Written report from Village Hall Representative will be circulated.

2011.80 **Date of next meeting** Details of Members' availability were being collated so that a regular meeting time could be decided upon and adhered to. When complete a suggested list of dates would be circulated.